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Applicant : Aaron L. Strand  
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Title : Punch Device For Creating A Guide Notch In A  
Polymeric Fastener Attached To A Plastic Package

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Examiner : Stephen Choi

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 18, 2003**

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by February 18, 2004. A request for a one month extension is being filed along with this response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this paper and a replacement sheet is attached as Exhibit A.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.